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## General Comment

Hello,

I am totally blind and was very pleased with our county clerk here in Salt lake County, Utah. I had to call and request it, but after I asked, I was able to arrange an accessible voting machine to be brought to my home and was able to vote without any help. Our County Clerk gave me a choice of dates and times that were available in her appointment calendar and I was able to choose the one that was best for me. The two people that brought the voting machine to my house were on time, set the battery operated device up on my front porch and even had headphones for me in case I didn't have any of my own. They explained the operation and voting procedure very clearly and wore face masks, as did I, due to Covid and I felt very safe when I voted. They stepped back about 20 feet and waited until I was finished voting. They were very patient and didn't make me feel rushed at all. The audible feedback was very clear and the voting process went very well, although it was a bit tedious and time consuming. It took about 45 minutes altogether to vote. Having said that, It would have taken me a lot longer to arrange transportation, get to and from the polls as well as vote. Since I am not able to fill in the mail- in ballot without any sighted assistance. I feel the County Clerk made a great and reasonable accommodation to make my voting experience very accessible. After filling out my ballot by myself and completing the whole process, I had a wonderful feeling of self-satisfaction being able to do my civic duty and vote. I wore the "I Voted!" sticker the workers gave me very proudly for the rest of the day.